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TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Administrator

FROM: Frank J. Filas, Reclamation Engineer 

RE: Rile Review and Recommendations, DOE/037/006, DOE/037/007,
DOE/037/013, DOE/037/019

In June 1977, Blake Mining Company filed DOE/037/006 and DOE/037/007 with the Division. The legal descriptions for these mines (Smokey and Rainbow claims) were incomplete because the area had not been surveyed yet. In April 1978, Blake Mining Company submitted a complete legal description for these mines on another Declaration of Exemption (DOE) Form which was given file number DOE/037/013. In December 1979, Truchas, Ltd. filed DOE/037/019 which did not have a complete legal description (SE1/4 NW1/4, but no section number). Apparently this DOE was for the Smokey Mine also. I spoke by phone (587-2356) with Donald Blake of Blake Mining Company on August 5, 1987. He stated that Truchas, Ltd. did exploration drilling onsite, but that they did no mining. He also said that:

1. The Smokey Mine site covers 2.5 acres excluding the access road (this road is about one mile south of the Happy Jack access road). The mine was last worked in 1979 and consisted of both underground and strip mining. Mr. Blake said that they had recontoured the waste piles.
2. The Rainbow Mine site covers approximately 1.5 acres (excluding the access road) and was last worked in 1979. It was mined exclusively underground and is located past the Markee and Blue Lizard Mines in Red Canyon. Mr. Blake said that he blasted the portal shut one year ago and was seriously injured in the process.

It is recommended that the contents of file DOE/037/013 be placed into both DOE/037/006 and DOE/037/007, and that file number DOE/037/013 be retired. It is recommended that DOE/037/019 be retired also. I suggest that a field visit be made of the Smokey Mine site and perhaps the Rainbow site, if time permits.

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*Field checks only in conjunction with check out
mining or smo operations. These sites are too small
to justify a trip for their review only.
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